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- Interesting. May I forward this to our URT discussion group? This is also relevant to some earlier discussions.

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Here's an item I wrote recently. Might be useful.

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Some persons have grandiose notions of independence. They want to repeat history by absorbing or confederating with nearby United States or Mexican states. They want a libertarian New World Order country without borders or citizenship.

Not only do these statements alienate practical individuals but they convince others that we're all nuts, especially when coming from persons who criticize the United States for intervening in other countries. Others will take the statements as codes for fascism, racism, or whatever ism, while nearby countries will naturally see them as threats.

Joining other countries means repeating the 1845 mistake of giving up independence after fighting for it. An overall government would be needed to cover Texas and associated entities, removing local decisions at least partly from local hands and weakening citizen power. There would be more people for politicians to divide into conflicting, controllable groups. That level of government would quickly outgrow

others, with officials and staff becoming more loyal to it than to the nation.

Libertarianism is a good internal policy that prevents petty, predatory legislation. As foreign and immigration policy it's a disaster. People hold onto their cultures and try to impose them on others, particularly others they see as weak. Faced with emigrants, even determined fanatics, libertarian tolerance is a fatal weakness. A totally libertarian country is swiftly destroyed and replaced since a place without citizenship and identity is neither independent nor even a country.

Texas citizenship should be exactly defined, with no simple birthright provision, and so should the naturalization process. Only citizens would have full rights. With some provisions for special situations voters must be self-supporting adults. Borders need to be controlled by a strong military backed by a citizen militia.

The first republic struggled to develop its resources while in debt and suffering repeated attacks by Mexico and the Comanche. People from Europe accustomed to centralized government, and people with strong ties to the United States were settling here. Too many saw joining the latter if not the British Empire as the best or even the only recourse.

Today we won't be in that situation. Texas is a rich, developed, modern country. A clear transition plan and a constitution based on proven principles and knowledge of the United States' weaknesses will minimize difficulties in reestablishment. People will be free to leave with their possessions and wealth. Neighboring countries are unlikely to attack, especially if not threatened and borders are firm and clear. We'll have no reason or excuse to repeat in any form our big mistake.